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July 1, 1957

The Honorable J. Hugo Aronson
The Governor of Montana
Helena, Montana

Dear Governor:

Complying with Section 46-106 of the Revised Codes of Montana, 1947, the Livestock Commission submits its annual report.

The financial statement for the fiscal year 1956-57 is supplemented by a review of the activities of the department for the same period.

Yours very truly,

Wm G Cheney

Wm. G. Cheney
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MONTANA LIVESTOCK COMMISSION MEETINGS

FISCAL YEAR REPORT 1956-1957

On September 28, 1956 the following members; Lyman Brewster, President; Wm. G. Ragen, Vice-President; John Black and Armand Tonn met with officers and members of the Montana Stock Grower's Associations throughout the State. Financing, future program and the budget for the next biennium were explained, questions answered and various problems discussed. Though nothing definite was decided some proposals seemed to merit further study. (1) Dividing State into zones rather than counties, (2) Decrease Market Consignment Permit fees, (3) Forgery of bills of sale, (4) Felony penalty for moving cattle out of State, (5) Prosecution of livestock theft cases.

Increase in cost of operations in last few years were: (1) request for more services by producers, (2) Increases in salary, (3) seasonal work and necessity of keeping experienced men, (4) Expense of Social Security and (5) Increase in costs of materials and supplies.

Recessed: 11:00 P.M.

Reconvened: 7:30 P. M. as Commission meeting only. After further discussion of the budget the members felt that we should request an appropriation of $37,000 (approximately 10% of budget) so our reserves would not be depleted to such an extent the efficiency of the department could not be carried out. Mr. Tonn stated that other persons in the State receive benefit from work of the Commission and that some General Fund money should be appropriated. Mr. Black and other members concurred and arrived at the 10% of the total budget figure.

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At meeting of the Livestock Commission held in Billings on December 5, 1956 all members were present.

Mr. Brewster, President called the meeting to order at 11:00 A. M. The Executive Officer and Chief Inspector informed the Commission of difficulties encountered to inspect cattle trailed out of the State or those cattle which ranged back and forth across the line.

Mrs. Bessie Tillet and son, Mr. Lloyd Tillet who ranch in Montana and Wyoming were invited into the meeting to discuss loss of steers in inspection corrals and the inspection of their cattle out of Montana and into Wyoming.

Mr. Milton Simpson, Volborg, Montana was invited into the meeting to ask the members various questions on the work done by individual members and the Commission itself. "Mr. Brewster than asked Mr. Simpson to proceed with his questions. Mr. Simpson asked Mr. Brewster to explain why if the legislation he worked on in Washington, D. C. in January, February and March for the National Brand Conference was necessary, he did not proceed and try to secure passage of the legislation through Congress. Mr. Brewster explained that he went to Washington only after the National Brand Conference and the American National Cattlemen's Association had approved and passed resolutions endorsing this legislation. That the Department of Agriculture of the United States had approved the legislation and had reported favorably to the respective committees of both the Senate and House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, then in session. That he

had impressed all those members of Congress interested and the Department of Agriculture with the fact that all of the states interested in brand inspection had approved the legislation. That when he found out that the states of Colorado, New Mexico, California and others had withdrawn their support that the only practical thing to do was to withdraw the legislation and return home. That these states were presently operating illegally under the Packers and Stockyard Act and that the legislation would require that they comply with Federal Act but that the legislation would have allowed states to operate under the Packers and Stockyard Act exactly as their own state laws provided; which they are not now able to do under the existing statute."

Recessed 1:30 P. M.

Reconvened 9:30 A. M. December 6, 1956. All members were present, however, Mr. Charles Brenner had to return to Missoula due to sickness in his family and excused himself from the meeting.

"Mr. Tonn moved that the Livestock Commission go on record endorsing those plans for laboratory facilities for the Livestock Sanitary Board as proposed by the State Laboratory Commission and further that the Commission and Board should have a third alternative, namely, the addition of a wing to the present Livestock Building. That the Executive Officer of both be authorized to secure tentative costs and plans for such construction. Mr. Ragen seconded the motion which passed on vote of all members."

It was proposed that some changes be made in the by-laws governing conduct of the Livestock Commission and the Livestock Sanitary Board. These will be taken into consideration at the next meeting and further action taken then.

The question of use of numeral brands for individual identification of livestock was discussed and action deferred until more segments of the livestock industry could be contacted for their approval or disapproval.

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Annual meeting of the Livestock Commission was held at offices in Helena on March 18, 1957. The meeting was called to order by Wm. G. Ragen, Vice-President. Mr. Ragen explained that Mr. Lyman Brewster, President was unable to attend for business reasons. He welcomed the the new members Joe C. King of Lewistown, Archie O. Wilson of St. Xavier and Melvin Peterson of Wisdom. These gentlemen were appointed to the Commission by Governor J. Hugo Aronson, said appointments being approved by the Senate in the Legislative Assembly in 1957.

Mr. Ragen called for nomination for President. Mr. John Black was elected to this office by unanimous ballot. Mr. Ragen was re-elected Vice-President.

The Commission adopted new By-Laws and Rules of Conduct of meeting as proposed by Mr. Black. New laws passed by the last legislature were explained, also discussed was proposed legislation that did not pass the legislature. Finances and budget for the next biennium were thoroughly explained with emphasis on a possible serious shortage of funds for the 1958 - 59 fiscal year as the legislature had refused to grant any appropriation to the Livestock Commission.

The Commission passed a resolution on the recording of sheep brands. This had been requested by prominent sheep men in the state.

The same mill levy as that requested in March of 1956 was agreed on and the Executive Officer was instructed to forward that request to the State Board of Equalization.

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The next meeting was held at Butte May 23-24, 1957 in conjunction with the annual convention of the Montana Stockgrowers Association. Members present were John W. Black, President; Wm. G. Ragen, Vice-President, Lyman Brewster, A. O. Wilson, Joe King and Melvin Peterson.

Mr. Ingvard Svaare, co-owner of the Yellowstone Livestock Commission of Sidney and Mr. Roy June, Attorney at Law of Billings, representing the Montana Markets Association were invited to discuss Market Regulation No. 21. They proposed: (1) That paragraph one be changed so that locks were not required on individual pens but that all outside gates be locked; (2) That paragraph three be corrected to correspond with change in paragraph one; (3) That paragraph four be deleted in its entirety; (4) That paragraph eleven be changed to read 60 days instead of 30 days.

The Commission after consideration agreed to change our regulations in regard to locks on individual pens and eliminate feed only pens.

Regulation No. 21 was then amended on motion to incorporate these changes.

The Executive Officer was instructed to write a letter of condolence to Mr. Charles Brenner on loss of his wife and also include appreciation of services to Livestock Industry while a member of the Commission. They further instructed that letters be written to Mr. M. H. Tschirgi and Mr. Armand Tonn, former members of the Commission, thanking them for their time and services on behalf of the Commission and Livestock Industry in the State.

On suggestion of Mr. Brewster Regulation No. 31 was amended to read as follows:

Amended Regulation No. 31

"No member of the Commission shall receive expenses for any trip outside of the State without prior approval of the Commission in regular meeting or with interim approval of any four members. This approval is to be of record in offices at Helena. Any expenses to attend a meeting in the State by any member of the Commission shall be subject to approval of the Commission at their next meeting."

Various other matters pertaining to cattle losses, inspection problems, personnel and trips to various out of state meetings were discussed. The meeting adjourned at 1:00 P. M. May 24, 1957.

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REPORT FOR "ESTRAYS" FOUND

The following are livestock classified as actual "estrays" or those animals held for ownership and which, after investigation, are returned to recorded owner of brand or brand owner receives proceeds from sale.

Inspectors send in cards which show where animal(s) are found, (Range, Ranch, Shipment etc.). Also shown is the number of head, brand, further description and what disposition was made of the animal(s).

Those listed under "Market Inspectors" are found by inspectors at licensed livestock markets in shipments which are consigned for sale by someone other than the recorded owner of brand on animal.

Those listed under "District Inspectors" are found in course of investigation work in the field, inspection at country shipping points, and in checking cattle on ranches. If owner can be found he is notified and disposition is left up to owner. If owner cannot be located animals are advertised under Section 46-1002, Revised Codes of Montana, 1947, or shipped to a licensed livestock market for sale.

Those listed under "Association Inspectors" are found and handled in the same manner as explained under "District Inspectors". These inspectors are hired by county or local associations for investigations, inspections and for protection of livestock producers from rustling and losses.

Those listed under "Deputy Inspectors" are found at time of inspection as required before leaving county of origin. The Deputy Inspector sees that animal is returned to owner or if owner cannot be determined, reports to District Inspector who then disposes of animal as prescribed under "District Inspectors", above.

Cattle

Market Inspectors*	District Inspectors	Association Inspectors	Deputy Inspectors
378 descriptive cards	355 cards	45 cards	180 cards
438 cattle	549 cattle	66 cattle	251 cattle

TOTAL CARDS 958
TOTAL CATTLE 1304

Horses (all inspectors)

46 descriptive cards

64 horses

TOTAL ALL CARDS 1004
TOTAL ALL LIVESTOCK 1368

* In addition at the various markets where inspection is maintained there were approximately 14,043 head of cattle held for proof of ownership when title was not clear at time of inspection. When ownership was definitely established proceeds from sale were released to shipper, or owner whichever the case might be.

M A R K E T S

Livestock Markets licensed by and under the supervision of the Livestock Commission are located in thirteen Montana cities listed below:

Billings	Glendive	Havre	Missoula
Bozeman	Great Falls	Lewistown	Shelby
Butte	Hamilton	Miles City	Sidney
Glasgow			

Montana maintains inspection at the following out of State markets:

Chicago	So. St. Paul	Sioux City
Spokane	Idaho Falls	West Fargo
Bell Fourche		

By agreement, Montana stock is inspected by Associations and Commissions of other states at the following points:

Colorado	-	Denver
Idaho	-	Blackfoot, Rexburg and Sandpoint
No. Dakota	-	Dickinson, Williston, Mott and Minot
Utah	-	Ogden
Wyoming	-	Gillette and Sheridan

The following report shows the volume of business handled at all markets with the exception of the several listed in the paragraph immediately preceding where the number of Montana cattle inspected during any one season is very small.

Figures for the preceding fiscal year are introduced for comparison.

CATTLE & HORSES INSPECTED AT MARKETS 1956-1957 FISCAL YEAR REPORT

	7/1/55 to 6/30/56		7/1/56 to 6/30/57		(Cattle)	
	Cattle	Horses	Cattle	Horses	Increase	Decrease
*Billings BLS (Mont)	117,039	859	141,585	1,219	24,546	
*Billings BLS (Wyo)	15,806	83	17,456	136	1,650	
Billings BP (Mont)	83,679		90,454		6,775	
Billings BP (Wyo)	5,190		4,881			309
Bozeman	27,095	248	26,548	559		547
Butte	41,479	456	41,339	609		140
Glasgow	19,523	41	28,795	3	9,272	
Glendive (Mont)	39,570	433	40,807	265	1,237	
Glendive (N. Dak.)	473		101			372
Great Falls	47,139	508	60,084	533	12,945	
Hamilton	7,307	39	8,529	38	1,222	
Havre	34,552	32	45,923	26	11,371	
Lewistown	33,926	149	41,817	512	7,891	
Miles City	49,833	911	63,116	974	13,283	
Missoula	50,020	708	52,843	771	2,823	
Shelby	12,884	324	18,721	665	5,837	
Sidney (Mont)	47,307	235	61,365	178	14,058	
Sidney (N. Dak.)	19,476	39	21,858		2,382	
**MONTANA MARKETS	652,298	5,065	766,222	6,488	115,292	1,368
Belle Fourche	15,626	80	18,329	130	2,703	
Chicago	10,394		21,657		11,263	
Idaho Falls	17,740	49	22,996	42	5,256	
Omaha	7,945		9,093		1,148	
Sioux City	51,252		65,131		13,879	
Spokane	9,885		11,670		1,785	
So. St. Paul	22,017		29,275		7,258	
West Fargo	172		214		42	
MONTANA CATTLE AT OUT OF STATE MKTS.	135,031	129	178,365	172	43,334	
TOTAL CATTLE AT MONT. & OUT OF STATE MKTS.	787,329	5,194	944,587	6,660	158,626	1,368

*Figures include packing plant cattle inspected at B.L.S. NET 157,258 or 20% Inc.

Additional cattle from other states inspected under reciprocal agreements.

At CHICAGO for:

North Dakota	512	Nebraska	7,108	TOTAL 10,923	At SIOUX CITY for Wyoming 6,884
South Dakota	814	Wyoming	2,489		

TOTAL CHICAGO & SIOUX CITY 17,807

**MONTANA CATTLE ONLY	611,353	721,926	110,573
**WYOMING & NO. DAK.	40,945	44,296	3,351
MONTANA CATTLE ALL MARKETS	746,384	900,291	153,907
ALL STATES, ALL MKTS. INCL. RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT CATTLE	808,448	962,394	153,946

1956-1957 Cattle Classification Breakdown

	Steers	Cows	Bulls	Calves
Billings BLS (Mont)	37,240	63,007	3,829	37,509
Billings BLS (Wyo)	4,636	9,811	583	2,426
Billings BPYds (Mont)	20,064	38,785	2,425	29,180
Billings BPYds (Wyo)	1,176	2,868	157	680
Bozeman	4,551	11,593	1,028	9,376
Butte	9,016	20,983	1,654	9,686
Glasgow	5,501	11,759	619	10,916
Glendive (Mont)	6,179	14,618	813	19,197
Glendive (No. Dak.)	31	23	19	28
Great Falls	13,067	24,786	1,795	20,436
Hamilton	1,384	3,653	171	3,321
Havre	8,257	19,593	1,158	16,915
Lewistown	7,293	18,976	1,143	14,405
Miles City	13,094	23,824	1,744	24,454
Missoula	15,118	24,070	1,920	11,735
Shelby	3,008	8,805	595	6,313
Sidney (Mont)	14,709	21,938	952	23,766
Sidney (No. Dak.)	6,480	6,734	343	8,301
Belle Fourche	3,750	6,556	269	7,754
Chicago	7,300	4,306	54	9,997
Idaho Falls	6,157	12,910	493	3,436
Omaha	4,915	2,503	60	1,615
Sioux City	16,900	15,465	267	32,499
Spokane	3,482	5,807	343	2,038
So. St. Paul	9,004	12,206	266	7,799
West Fargo	-	150	1	63
	222,312	385,729	22,701	313,845
			TOTAL - ALL CLASSES	944,587

DISTRICT INSPECTORS

During the year the Department employed eight regular District Inspectors working under the supervision of the Chief Inspector, George Burns.

Inspector activities are briefly summarized below:

Number of cattle inspected	
By District Inspectors	5,702
Assisting Deputy Inspectors	76,270
Number of horses inspected	
By District Inspectors	206
Assisting Deputy Inspectors	352
Investigations	
Number of cases	245
Number of arrests	39
Number of convictions	17
Number of cases pending	19
Estrays	
Number of cattle reported lost	1,303
Number of horses reported lost	54
Cattle recovered for owner	507
Horses recovered for owner	119
Estray cattle sold for State	45
Estray horses sold for State	15

District Inspectors stopped trucks on highways carrying cattle, horses and buffalo. In each instance a complete check was made and a report was sent to the Livestock Commission.

Inspectors reported inspection of trucks as follows:

No. of vehicles stopped	Cattle	Horses	Buffalo
286	2741	99	15

At the Helena office 196 reports were received of cattle, horses and sheep being lost or stolen. The number of head involved was - 874 cattle, 52 horses and 859 sheep, a total of 1785 head.

In most instances the owner of the missing stock does not make a report until several weeks after the stock has disappeared. This adds to the difficulty of tracing and locating the stock. In addition to the reports of loss turned in to the office, the District Inspectors receive many reports direct from the owner. The Inspector often locates the stock and so no loss report comes to the Helena office.

Five bulletins listing description and various other data on missing stock were circulated during the year. These were sent to the District and Market Inspectors, Sheriffs, the Highway Patrol, the F. B. I. and to Customs Officers and Inspection Agencies of the adjoining states.

District Inspectors supervise the local inspection work done by 320 Deputy Inspectors now under bond. Deputy Inspectors are not paid by the State but they retain the fee, set by law, which they collect from the shipper or owner of the livestock inspected.

DISTRICT INSPECTOR LIVESTOCK COURT CASES

FELONIES

Number of Cases	Fined	Sentenced	Suspended or Probation	Dismissed	Pending Appealed Up for Retrial
3			1 1 yr. (Susp) (McCarthy) 1 1 yr. (Susp) (H. Wilson) 1 4 yr. (Susp) (A. Peterson)		
7		1 2 yrs. (Crismon) 1 16 mo. (Heyd) 1 1 yr. (Sumner) 1 To reform school 1 5 yrs. (J. P. Barron) 1 5 yrs. (Louis Gates) Lost an appeal from 1954. 1 5 yrs. (Jerry Stein) Violated 1956 parole.			
1				1 (L. Roland) Felony charge changed to misdemeanor	
4					Pending 1 (E. Lannaing) 1 (W. F. O'Donnell) 1 (Dale Gregory) 1 (Paul Bednarczuk)

MISDEMEANORS

Number of Cases	Fined	Sentenced	Suspended or Probation	Dismissed	Pending Appealed Up for Retrial
1	1 (L. Roland) $ 102.50				
1				1 (M. Bergstrom)	
2					Pending 1 (Dale Gregory) 1 (Paul Bednarczuk)

INSPECTION VIOLATIONS

Number of Cases	Fined	Bond Forfeited	Sentence Suspended	Dismissed Acquitted	Pending Appealed Up for Retrial
47*	32	1	1	1	12 Pending

* Includes 5 completed cases which were initiated prior to this fiscal year.

Number of PERMIT violations - 12

D E P U T Y I N S P E C T O R S

Deputy Inspectors issued approximately 100,000 local inspection certificates and market consignment permits. Part of these covered 968,814 head of cattle and horses not going to a market where they would be re-checked and the balance were made for shipments consigned to markets.

Local inspection of cattle*

		1955-6	1956-7	Increases	Decrease
**For shipment	Destination in Montana	294,441	330,709	36,268	
	East	300,804	409,861	109,057	
	West	117,627	113,368		4,259
	South	73,734	88,212	14,478	
	TOTAL	786,606	942,150	159,803	4,259

NET INCREASE - - - 155,544 - - or - - 20%

Local inspection of horses

	1956-7
Total	33,152

*Breakdown of cattle into County of origin follows on the next page.

**These are in addition to those cattle sold at markets where the Livestock Commission maintains inspection.

1956-1957 LOCAL INSPECTION OF CATTLE* - COUNTY OF ORIGIN & DESTINATION

COUNTY	MONTANA	EAST	WEST	SOUTH	LAST 6 Mo.1956	FIRST 6 Mo.1957	TOTAL
Beaverhead	14105	13789	27748	6128	42463	19307	61770
Big Horn	8563	18349	3538	22588	42688	10350	53038
Blaine	5453	9360	268	237	12346	2972	15318
Broadwater	11122	4218	1627	226	6835	10358	17193
Carbon	9821	1134	149	9095	15079	5120	20199
Carter	4610	13946	0	778	15734	3600	19334
Cascade	7399	20351	5844	560	27460	6694	34154
Chouteau	10027	12236	975	0	19748	3490	23238
Custer	8621	29056	942	5684	35881	8422	44303
Daniels	774	659	0	0	1183	250	1433
Dawson	3543	2984	58	238	5248	1575	6823
Deer Lodge	1752	237	88	0	1909	168	2077
Fallon	3508	16629	0	160	16559	3738	20297
Fergus	10222	23347	2323	1346	33510	3728	37238
Flathead	1726	2140	1637	211	4469	1245	5714
Gallatin	13732	8685	5570	700	19385	9302	28687
Garfield	13523	1164	0	662	14031	1318	15349
Glacier	9060	11003	2928	1358	23476	873	24349
Golden Valley	2220	3605	1105	184	5755	1359	7114
Granite	3467	6800	3167	783	10247	3970	14217
Hill	1686	2087	853	49	2880	1795	4675
Jefferson	6779	3050	2006	228	8387	3676	12063
Judith Basin	8300	10416	686	698	16608	3492	20100
Lake	4775	2928	3455	635	8064	3729	11793
Lewis & Clark	8559	7754	5053	448	15823	5991	21814
Liberty	4395	1570	450	0	3554	2861	6415
Lincoln	645	854	524	0	1617	406	2023
Madison	12718	7890	4767	796	18116	8055	26171
McCone	6724	8482	0	2357	16119	1444	17563
Meagher	7903	14959	2998	1625	24059	3426	27485
Mineral	93	0	0	0	72	21	93
Missoula	1729	1142	2278	265	2667	2747	5414
Musselshell	6589	6044	1010	714	12806	1551	14357
Park	7256	10767	1966	246	17832	2403	20235
Petroleum	5038	2703	0	1746	8438	1049	9487
Phillips	3185	12883	921	390	14188	3191	17379
Pondera	11558	378	267	0	7014	5189	12203
Powder River	2769	6107	0	9988	17898	966	18864
Powell	6750	4906	635	866	10560	2597	13157
Prairie	2666	8072	0	26	7886	2878	10764
Ravalli	4082	3756	3414	140	8053	3339	11392
Richland	1429	3310	413	21	2509	2664	5173
Roosevelt	2712	4316	0	0	5846	1182	7028
Rosebud	13589	15699	1913	4333	24633	10901	35534
Sanders	2588	2025	1624	334	4773	1798	6571
Sheridan	1297	2825	0	2	2778	1346	4124
Silver Bow	2210	6395	4557	3214	11070	5306	16376
Stillwater	8125	2016	207	715	8296	2767	11063
Sweet Grass	6771	3903	645	316	9790	1845	11635
Teton	10085	4279	3140	44	10555	6993	17548
Toole	2333	5181	3368	0	6102	4780	10882
Treasure	3054	2270	531	589	2098	4346	6444
Valley	2711	6796	367	0	8405	1469	9874
Wheatland	3102	9202	901	361	12162	1404	13566
Wibaux	1619	6900	584	0	7425	1678	9103
Yellowstone	11637	18304	5868	6128	25508	16429	41937
TOTALS FISCAL YEAR	330709	409861	113368	88212	718597	223553	942150

*Figures do not include cattle inspected at markets.

M O N T A N A H I G H W A Y P A T R O L

The State Highway Patrol has continued a very active interest in assisting with the enforcement of brand inspection laws by stopping trucks and checking for inspection certificates which are required by law.

Detailed reports have been filed covering inspections made by patrolmen on:

Trucks checked	Cattle	Horses	Sheep
1,896	22,180	846	583

The Livestock Commission feels that this assistance from the Highway Patrol is very important in keeping down losses from theft and many favorable comments have been heard from livestock people on the value of this assistance to their industry.

B E E F & H I D E I N S P E C T O R S

Sheriffs and their Deputies make Beef and Hide inspections in the manner prescribed by Title 46, Chapter 5, Revised Codes of Montana, 1947.

Reports received by the Livestock Commission, each covering one or more head or hides, numbered . . . . . 20,145.

HELENA OFFICE

The administration of the livestock laws and regulations and all phases of work in connection therewith is directed and supervised by the Executive Officer, Wm. G. Cheney.

At the Helena office all collections and disbursements are handled, reports checked, evaluated and filed and brands and mortgages recorded.

Market reports are received, bills of sale filed, fees checked and balanced against incoming stock listed. Fees are balanced against outgoing stock listed on form 35ZA. All stock leaving markets are cleared on this form which serves as a bill-of-sale. Copies are sent to the Helena office. During the year, 34,994 cattle shipments and 2,103 horse shipments were cleared from State markets on this form.

An index shows that 4,681 shippers had livestock proceeds held at markets pending proof of ownership.

Number of reports received from markets	Cattle	Horses	Total
Billings BLS	11,133	579	11,712
Billings BLS (Wyo)	648	362	1,010
Billings BP	7,699	-	7,699
Billings BP (Wyo)	306	-	306
Bozeman	5,240	289	5,529
Butte	3,325	181	3,506
Glasgow	1,868	2	1,870
Glendive	3,369	128	3,497
Glendive (No. Dak.)	14	-	14
Great Falls	6,706	204	6,910
Hamilton	2,227	24	2,251
Havre	5,348	4	5,352
Lewistown	4,508	235	4,743
Miles City	4,443	247	4,690
Missoula	8,046	377	8,423
Shelby	1,973	223	2,196
Sidney	5,007	103	5,110
Sidney (No. Dak.)	1,753	-	1,753
Belle Fourche	1,086	55	1,141
Chicago	230		230
Idaho Falls	569	11	580
Omaha	92		92
St. Paul	501		501
Sioux City	771		771
Spokane	927	21	948
West Fargo	4		4
		Total number of reports	80,838
		Number of cattle & horses covered	951,247

(Figures include packing plant cattle inspected at B. L. S. Comm. Co.)

LOCAL INSPECTION CERTIFICATES AND MARKET CONSIGNMENT PERMITS

(Figures are approximate)

Local Inspection certificates received covering stock not going to market:

Cattle	34,800	Horses	10,700	Total	45,500

Bills of sale were attached to 10,000 cattle certificates and 3,500 horse certificates covering stock not going to markets. These were detached, numbered and filed.

Local inspection certificates and market consignment permits received covering stock going to market:

Cattle	52,200	Horses	2,300	Total	54,500

Bills of sale covering cattle and horses going to market were checked, numbered and filed. The number of bills of sale handled was 35,000.

Certificates and permits covering stock going to market are checked at the markets against reports to see that the stock arrived. When shipments do not arrive at market specified notice cards are sent to owners of brands listed on certificate.

From 1 to 15 brands are listed on each local inspection certificate. The probable average is 3.

New Brands and Transfers Recorded

Number of brand certificates issued @ $6.00 each		2,160
		6.00
		$ 12,960.00
Duplicates issued @ $1.00	28	28.00
Certified copies issued @ $1.00	35	35.00
Net to Livestock Commission Fund		$ 13,023.00

Mortgages Recorded

Number recorded and inspectors advised:	8,576
Receipts written @ $1.00 each	1.00
	$ 8,576.00
Less 7 cancelled @ $1.00 each	8.00
Net to Livestock Commission Fund	$ 8,569.00

Estrays

Number of accounts of sale received	809
Proceeds accompanying above	$ 84,694.73
Number of claims settled for fiscal year just passed and foregoing years	761
*Disbursements covering settlements	$ 83,693.40

Proceeds from sale of stock whose ownership is in doubt are held at markets for a reasonable time pending clearance. At the expiration of the time limit, the proceeds are sent to Helena and are deposited in the Estray Fund for distribution upon proof of ownership.

The average amount held per account of sale received was:	$ 104.69
The average disbursement per claim paid was:	$ 110.71

Total number of shipments to markets	80,838
Total number of cattle and horses to markets	951,247

Approximately 85% of 4,681 shipments "held", were cleared up at the markets before time limit required that proceeds be sent to Helena.

*Does not include Escheat transfer of $ 7,765.92

PREDATORY ANIMAL CONTROL

During the 1957 fiscal year an average force of 31½ hunters was employed. Their catch consisted of 2,446 coyotes, 932 bobcats, 4 mountain lion, and 181 marauding bear making a total of 3,563 predators. In addition to this catch the airplane accounted for 422 coyotes and 5 bobcats during 777 hours and 45 minutes flying time.

The above take does not include any of the predators taken with 1080. During the past fiscal year a total of 1,940 lethal 1080 stations were placed throughout the state. This method of control still proves to be one of the most effective means of holding down numbers in general. The average weight of all stations placed was 58 pounds. A total of 113,329 pounds of bait material was used, 39,036 pounds of which was fed on. About one-third of the meat from the stations was consumed which is an excellent acceptance. Many of our stations were completely eaten. The results obtained from this method this year should show up in next year's coyote population.

The hunters have been using the coyote call in many areas throughout the district with good results.

The coyote take this year is 45% greater than last year's take which is indicative of increasing coyote population. For comparative purposes of coyote trends we will list the high year, 1947, with a take of 10,610 coyotes, the low was in 1952 with 442 coyotes, and the past fiscal year the take was 2,446 coyotes.

The bobcat take was 7% less than last year. This take bears out the findings throughout the state of a very low rabbit and rodent population which no doubt has materially affected bobcat numbers.

The bear take was 33% higher than last year. This animal continues to be of major importance to the stockmen as far as predation is concerned, as the bear has been responsible for severe losses.

PREDATOR CONTROL STATEMENT

Source of Funds	Man-days	Salaries	Other	Total
Federal Project	2,879	$41,994.20	$36,310.04	$78,304.24
Montana Livestock Com.	4,119	40,656.88	19,941.11	60,597.99
Dept. of Fish & Game	3,350	31,206.92	9,948.72	41,155.64
Counties	3,566	35,250.00	12,199.24	47,449.24
TOTALS	13,914	149,108.00	78,399.11	227,507.11

RODENT CONTROL

Organized rodent control operations were carried on in 31 counties during the 1957 fiscal year.

Ground squirrel control operations involved 9 counties--Flathead, Granite, Lake, Lincoln, Madison, Mineral, Powell, Ravalli, and Sanders. A total of 153,258 acres were treated, mostly on a cleanup basis, with the use of 2-100 mix of 1080 bait.

Prairie dog control was carried on in 22 counties--Big Horn, Blaine,Carbon, Carter, Cascade, Chouteau, Custer, Dawson, Fallon, Fergus, Garfield, Hill, Judith Basin, McCone, Petroleum, Phillips, Powder River, Prairie, Rosebud, Valley, Wibaux, and Yellowstone. A total of 108,435 acres were covered also on a cleanup basis with the use of 2-100 mix of 1080 bait and carbon bisulphide.

Kangaroo rat control was performed in parts of McCone and Prairie Counties.

The city dumps at Havre and Stanford were treated for the control of the house rat with 1080 cereal bait with good results.

The rodent population, with the exception of pocket gophers, is at the lowest ebb in years. The rabbit population is the lowest of all time. No doubt diseases have been responsible for the curtailment of that particular species.

The effective rodent control operations of the past few years have greatly reduced economic damage to agriculture and other interests. Unless something unforeseen comes up it is felt that control operations in the state will have to remain on a cleanup and maintenance program which seems to prove very effective and the cheapest in the long run.

RODENT CONTROL STATEMENT

Source of Funds	Man-days	Salaries	Other	Total
Federal Project	465	$ 9,165.56	$ 9,077.50	$ 18,243.06
Bur. of Land Management			1,477.73	1,477.73
Mont. Livestock Com.	1569	15,576.53	4,533.54	20,110.07
Counties	1344	13,300.75	5,757.41	19,058.16
Cities			55.25	55.25
Private Parties			25.90	25.90
Non - Supervised			1,614.11	1,614.11
TOTALS	3378	$38,042.84	$20,927.33	$60,584.28

LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1956 - 1957

INCOME*		
Fund #149	(Collections)	$ 362,437.32
EXPENDITURES		
Fund #149		360,871.49
OPERATING NET FOR THE YEAR		$ 1,565.83

*No appropriation was made from the State General Fund for fiscal years 1955-6 and 1956-7.

STATEMENT

FUND # 149	COLLECTIONS	$ 362,437.32		
	EXPENDITURES	360,871.49		
		NET	$	1,565.83

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FUND # 149	Balance June 30, 1956	$ 120,212.78
	To fund for years operations	1,565.83
	BALANCE June 30, 1957	$ 121,778.61
Bonds "Series K" returnable to Fund #149 (Carried in Investment Fund # 337)		$ 50,000.00
BALANCE (Both Funds) June 30, 1957		$ 171,778.61

STATEMENT OF COLLECTIONS

COLLECTIONS

Fund #149	Taxes	$ 85,407.90
	New Brands	13,023.00
	Mortgage Fees	8,569.00
	Transfer In From Estray Fund #128 (Escheat 1953)	7,765.92
	*Sundry Collections	247,671.50
		$ 362,437.32

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*Sundry Collections

FEES	Billings (BLS)	(Montana)	$ 37,150.05
	Billings (BLS)	(Wyoming)	2,635.80
	Billings (BP)	(Montana)	24,247.35
	Billings (BP)	(Wyoming)	732.75
	Bozeman		7,442.40
	Butte		10,531.60
	Glasgow		8,609.90
	Glendive	(Montana)	12,527.35
	Glendive	(No. Dak)	12.45
	Great Falls		17,285.60
	Hamilton		2,542.20
	Havre		13,507.70
	Lewistown		12,885.50
	Miles City		17,788.75
	Missoula		12,693.90
	Shelby		5,167.30
	Sidney	(Montana)	20,663.10
	Sidney	(No. Dak)	3,293.85
	Chicago	(Montana)	4,299.40
	Chicago	(No. Dak)	70.65
	Chicago	(So. Dak)	99.90
	Chicago	(Wyoming)	411.75
	Chicago	(Nebraska)	647.62
	St. Paul		5,943.60
	Sioux City	(Montana)	13,062.80
	Sioux City	(Wyoming)	1,038.90
Total Market Fee Collections			$ 235,292.17

Field Inspections

Adams	$	67.05
Burns		4.34
Cheney		7.30
Huckins		.25
Huston		427.20
Kochel		44.50
Lay		38.70
Overfelt		28.35
Parker		175.90
Ramberg		6.15
Total Field Collections	$	799.74

Market Local Inspections

Billings (BLS)	$	2,828.60
Billings (BP)		323.65
Bozeman		120.20
Butte		338.10
Glendive		96.85
Great Falls		75.05
Havre		104.65
Lewistown		21.05
Miles City		129.20
Missoula		409.20
Shelby		220.50
Sidney		.25
Total Market Local Inspections	$	4,667.30

Miscellaneous Collections

Market Fee Adjustment	$	2,005.18
Refunds		673.78
North Dakota Rent (St. Paul Office)		466.02
Washington Rent		317.76
Fines (Received Direct)		50.00
Market License Fees		1,700.00
Transfer of Old Recorder Checks		30.00
Sale of Supplies		289.55
Interest on "K" Bonds		1,380.00
Total Miscellaneous Collections	$	6,912.29

TOTAL SUNDRY COLLECTIONS $ 247,671.50

STATEMENT OF TAXES COLLECTED

Fiscal Year 1956-57

MILL LEVY
ON THE TAXABLE VALUATION*

	Sheep	Cattle & Others	
	Mills	Mills	
Beaverhead			$ 4,133.61
Big Horn			4,461.59
Blaine			2,588.52
Broadwater			1,006.71
Carbon			1,756.75
Carter			2,951.28
Cascade			2,490.77
Chouteau			1,838.61
Custer			2,059.46
Daniels			617.05
Dawson			1,369.81
Deer Lodge			280.11
Fallon			1,371.27
Fergus			3,320.33
Flathead			743.88
Gallatin			1,576.10
Garfield	3	2	2,451.26
Glacier			727.76
Golden Valley			771.17
Granite			970.25
Hill			923.11
Jefferson			761.73
Judith Basin			1,710.97
Lake			1,889.65
Lewis & Clark			1,538.82
Liberty			483.10
Lincoln			241.87
Madison			2,460.35
McCone			1,255.96
Meagher			2,012.33
Mineral			52.74
Missoula			581.60
Musselshell			1,078.25
Park			1,621.03
Petroleum			973.19
Phillips			3,087.44
Pondera			743.96
Powder River			2,572.38
Powell			1,253.20
Prairie			987.89
Ravalli			1,408.22
Richland			1,211.54
Roosevelt			1,085.90
Rosebud			3,057.55
Sanders			649.23
Sheridan			903.85
Silver Bow			183.40
Stillwater			1,489.86
Sweet Grass			1,704.04
Teton			1,620.87
Toole			709.66
Treasure			788.05
Valley			2,315.90
Wheatland			1,227.49
Wibaux			623.94
Yellowstone			2,712.54
			$ 85,407.90

*Livestock in Class 3

Taxable valuation is 1/3
of the assessed valuation

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR

SALARIES

Office	$ 42,293.83	
Inspectors (District)	43,180.00	
Inspectors (Field - Temp.)	1,872.73	
Inspectors (Market)	177,957.49	
		$ 265,304.05

EXPENSES

Market	$ 23,335.60	
Office		
P.E.R.S. Assessments	9,255.02	
Social Security	5,524.83	
Other	25,843.83	
Inspectors (District)	29,850.25	
Inspectors (Field - Temp.)	370.92	
Commissioners	1,298.30	
Transfer (Telephone)	88.69	
		$ 95,567.44

TOTAL - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $ 360,871.49

DETAIL OF SALARIES PAID - FISCAL YEAR 1956 - 1957

OFFICE SALARIES

Executive Officer	Wm. G. Cheney	$ 8,000.00	
Ass't Executive Officer	George F. Roberts	5,250.00	
Chief Accountant	S. C. Kennett	5,400.00	
Accountant	Wm. Elliott	2,850.00	
Deputy Recorder	Betty Algard	4,590.00	
Inspection Clerk	Ben Burnett	4,470.00	
Claims Clerk	Hazel Burgess	4,200.00	
Mortgage Clerk	Myrtle Lutey	889.33	
Mortgage Clerk	Evelyn Arnold	2,825.00	
Stenographer	Carol Kane	3,375.00	
*Clerk (Inspector)	Elmer Cross	320.00	
Clerk (Temp.)	Marlene Lutey	124.50	
			$ 42,293.83

CHIEF INSPECTOR	George Burns	$ 6,300.00	
			$ 6,300.00

DISTRICT INSPECTORS

Adams, Leslie	$ 4,800.00	
Boggs, Leslie	1,125.00	
*Daily, Loren	2,800.00	
Hall, Almon	4,530.00	
*Huckins, Ben	1,125.00	
Kochel, James	4,500.00	
Lay, Claude	4,500.00	
Overfelt, Leo	4,500.00	
Parker, Howard	4,500.00	
Ramberg, Sigurd	4,500.00	
		$ 36,880.00

FIELD INSPECTORS - (Temporary)

Dupuis	$ 87.50	
Frandsen	12.00	
Harrison	12.00	
Huston	1,153.23	
Norsby	8.00	
Zickefoose	600.00	
		$ 1,872.73

DETAIL OF SALARIES PAID - (Continued)

Market Inspectors

Allen	Missoula	$ 3,809.69
Allen	Hamilton	450.31
Anderson	Great Falls	4,500.00
Arndt	Lewistown	810.00
Arndt	Butte	310.00
Beedle	Missoula	80.00
Burtt	Billings L. S.	2,928.39
Chapman	Sioux City	1,942.74
Clark	Butte	4,500.00
Cleveland	Belle Fourche	600.00
Cole	Sidney	3,060.00
Corder, Carl Jr.	Butte	3,300.00
Corder, Rose	Butte	12.00
Cremer	Sidney	3,740.00
Cremer	Butte	320.00
Cross	Sioux City	1,190.81
Cross	St. Paul	690.00
Daily, Loren	Billings L. S.	1,095.00
Daily, N. O.	Miles City	4,800.00
Deschamps	Missoula	4,800.00
Dunning	Billings Pub.	4,080.00
Eide	Shelby	750.00
Eide	Billings Pub.	3,272.00
Ellison	Glasgow	4,500.00
Feeler	Great Falls	157.50
Feeler	Havre	15.00
Foss	Sidney	1,125.00
Gunderson	Miles City	4,080.00
Habel	Glendive	550.00
Habel	Lewistown	945.00
Halseth	Havre	1,567.74
Halverson	St. Paul	4,800.00
Harmon, Herbert	Billings L. S.	4,800.00
Harmon, Howard	Sidney	4,500.00
Harris	Billings Pub.	372.57
Hart	Billings L. S.	3,928.00
Howard	Billings L. S.	3,734.00
Huckins, Ben	Sioux City	4,050.00
Huckins, Rita	Sioux City	1,430.00
Hutchison	Miles City	1,467.50
Johnston	Miles City	4,080.00
Kartevold	Glendive	4,500.00
Lee	Shelby	877.85
Lytle	Lewistown	237.99
McAllister	Bozeman	4,500.00
McCrea	Great Falls	3,660.00
McCuin	St. Paul	929.79
Martin	Spokane	600.00
Morgan	Billings L. S.	3,928.00
Mozer	Great Falls	4,080.00

DETAIL OF SALARIES PAID - (Continued)

MARKET INSPECTORS

Myles	Butte	$ 1,813.71	
Newberry	Shelby	3,375.00	
Nygaard	Glasgow	1,245.00	
O'Donnell	Billings L. S.	3,280.00	
Pahrman	Great Falls	4,080.00	
Pardis	Sioux City	1,548.38	
Pardis	Billings L. S.	340.00	
Park	Hamilton	145.50	
Rasmussen	Sidney	600.00	
Riley	Billings Pub.	3,928.00	
Ruby	Billings L. S.	3,150.00	
Ryan	Havre	4,800.00	
Siebrasse	Havre	3,928.00	
Stockton	Lewistown	340.00	
Sutter	Chicago	5,100.00	
Thompson, Audrey	Lewistown	10.00	
Thompson, Vernon	Lewistown	4,500.00	
Todd	Bozeman	3,020.00	
Tucker	Missoula	3,415.20	
Tucker	Hamilton	354.80	
Twomey	Billings Pub.	4,500.00	
Wesley	Chicago	1,289.52	
Whitlock	Butte	87.50	
Wyse	Glendive	2,650.00	
		$	177,957.49

TOTAL ALL SALARIES $ 265,304.05

* Also Market Inspector

DISTRICT INSPECTORS EXPENSE

Adams	$ 2,639.25
Boggs	13.00
Burns (Chief)	5,255.37
L. Daily	1,600.07
Hall	4,586.79
Huckins	2,296.71
Kochel	2,097.00
Lay	2,799.67
Overfelt	3,125.57
Parker	3,281.78
Ramberg	2,155.04
	$ 29,850.25

TEMP. FIELD INSPECTORS EXPENSE

Dupuis	$ 66.41
Huston	70.50
Lattin	17.50
Moyer	42.70
Zickefoose	173.81
	$ 370.92

- PREDATORY ANIMAL CONTROL -

- STATEMENT -

BOUNTY FUND NO. 114

INCOME*

Taxes**		$ 53,843.59	
Sale of furs	$ 1,399.45		
Disbursed to cooperating counties	1,207.80		
Net to L. S. Comm.		191.65	
			$ 54,035.24

EXPENSES

Hunters Salaries	$ 36,757.16	
Hunters Expenses	18,904.83	
Administration		
Elliott	1,500.00	
Fairburn	492.00	
Hastings	30.00	
Kennett	600.00	
Sanders	1,250.00	
Supplies	517.88	
Ind. Acc. Insurance	466.81	
Hunters, cost of moving	182.50	
P.E.R.S. Assessments	17.22	
Soc. Security Assessments	11.49	
		$ 60,729.89
NET TO FUND FOR YEAR'S OPERATION		$ 6,694.65
BALANCE FUND #114 JUNE 30, 1956		$ 44,945.70
To Fund for Year's Operation		$ 6,694.65
BALANCE FUND #114 JUNE 30, 1957		$ 38,251.05

*No appropriation was made from the State General Fund for the fiscal years 1955-6 and 1956-7.

**For taxes from each county - see next page.

STATEMENT OF TAXES COLLECTED

Fiscal Year 1956-57

Beaverhead			$ 2,670.83
Big Horn			2,355.28
Blaine			1,722.30
Broadwater			555.98
Carbon			1,115.46
Carter			3,101.16
Cascade			1,848.74
Chouteau			2,196.94
Custer			1,126.90
Daniels			349.21
Dawson	MILL LEVY		868.77
Deer Lodge	ON THE TAXABLE VALUATION*		243.76
Fallon			570.47
Fergus	Sheep	Cattle & Others	1,879.17
Flathead			408.70
Gallatin	Mills	Mills	915.83
Garfield			1,655.38
Glacier	$4\frac{1}{2}$	1	598.99
Golden Valley			509.74
Granite			504.76
Hill			492.71
Jefferson			409.89
Judith Basin			988.96
Lake			987.81
Lewis & Clark			985.21
Liberty			272.93
Lincoln			132.70
Madison			1,676.72
McCone			816.28
Meagher			1,301.50
Mineral			30.87
Missoula			356.29
Musselshell			662.98
Park			1,016.48
Petroleum			546.94
Phillips			1,728.27
Pondera			467.85
Powder River			1,585.27
Powell			785.68
Prairie			569.52
Ravalli			739.45
Richland			677.67
Roosevelt	* Livestock in Class 3		550.31
Rosebud			1,878.20
Sanders	Taxable valuation is 1/3		346.27
Sheridan	of the assessed valuation		463.67
Silver Bow			94.46
Stillwater			912.77
Sweet Grass			1,141.01
Teton			922.94
Toole			459.44
Treasure			409.32
Valley			1,377.58
Wheatland			894.33
Wibaux			354.74
Yellowstone			1,608.20
			$ 53,843.59

- R O D E N T C O N T R O L -

STATEMENT

RODENT CONTROL FUNDS NO. 174 & 644

INCOME

#174	Rodent Control Fund	
	Sale of Supplies	$ 2,847.77
#644	Appropriation	20,000.00
	TOTAL - - - - - - -	$ 22,847.77

EXPENSES

Supervisors Salaries	$ 13,317.36	
Supervisors Expense	4,349.30	
Administration (Elliott)	900.00	
(Sanders)	1,000.00	
Supplies	2,970.64	
Ind. Accident Ins.	128.66	
P.E.R.S. Assessment	217.26	
Social Security	144.84	
		$ 23,028.06
NET FOR YEAR'S OPERATION		$ 180.29
BALANCE BOTH FUNDS, June 30, 1956		$ 11,813.54
To Fund for Year's Operation		$ 180.29
*BALANCE BOTH FUNDS, June 30, 1957		$ 11,633.25

*Fund # 174	$ 11,633.25
Fund # 644	0.00

- E S T R A Y -

ESTRAY FUND

BALANCE JUNE 30, 1956		$ 39,446.61
Collections		84,694.73
		$ 124,141.34
Claims Paid	$ 84,250.72	
Less cancelled warrants	557.32	
Net claims paid	$ 83,693.40	
Transferred to Fund #149 (1953 Estray Escheat)	7,765.92	
		$ 91,459.32
BALANCE JUNE 30, 1957		$ 32,682.02

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Account Sales Payable 1954	$ 5,188.90
Account Sales Payable 1955	5,413.10
Account Sales Payable 1956	16,194.85
Account Sales Payable 1957	5,885.17
	$ 32,682.02